

# State of Indiana 2002 Election Report



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## **Presentation of the 2002 Indiana Election Report**

This document sets forth the official returns of the 2002 Indiana Primary Election and the 2002 Indiana General Election.

The Primary Election returns for the following offices are included in this order:

United States Representative  
Indiana State Senate  
Indiana State Representative  
Circuit Court Judge, in certain counties  
Superior Court Judge, in certain counties  
County Court Judge, in certain counties  
Marion County Small Claims Court Judge  
Prosecuting Attorney

In the Primary Election returns, the political parties are listed in alphabetical order in each election district, with each candidate for the party's nomination to that office listed in alphabetical order by surname. An asterisk indicates the candidate declared nominated following the primary.

The General Election returns for the following offices are included in this order:

Secretary of State  
Auditor of State  
Treasurer of State  
Clerk of the Supreme Court  
United States Representative  
Indiana State Senate  
Indiana State Representative  
Circuit Court Judge, in certain counties  
Superior Court Judge, in certain counties  
County Court Judge, in certain counties  
Marion County Small Claims Court Judge  
Prosecuting Attorney

In the General Election returns, the candidates are listed in order according to the number of votes received. An asterisk indicates the candidate declared elected following the election.

In the General Election returns, the ballot questions concerning the retention of a Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court or a Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals are listed in that order, with questions concerning Judges listed in order of Court of Appeals District. Also included are ballot questions concerning the retention of Judges of Lake County Superior Court.

There were no ballot questions concerning the ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the State of Indiana on the 2002 General Election Ballot.

The 2002 Indiana Election Report also includes information concerning the total number of registered voters and percentage of voter turnout for Indiana and for each county.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary of State, the members of the Indiana Election Commission, the staff of the Indiana Election Division, the members of County Election Boards, the Circuit Court Clerks, County Election Directors, County Voter Registration Officers, and every individual who assisted county election boards or served as an inspector, judge, poll clerk, or sheriff in a polling place in Indiana. The dedication of each of these individuals to the efficiency and integrity of the electoral process made the 2002 primary and general election a success.

If the Election Division can provide you with additional information or assistance, please contact this office.

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## Information Regarding the 2002 Primary Election Results

### Recounts and Contests

There were no recounts or contests for a nomination to a federal, state, or state legislative office filed with the Indiana Election Division following the May 7, 2002 primary election.

The only recount or contest filed with any circuit court clerk for a nomination to a judicial office or the office of prosecuting attorney following the May 7, 2002 primary election was for the Democratic Party nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Circuit (Floyd County). The official vote totals for this nomination remained unchanged following the conclusion of the work of the Floyd County Recount Commission and the dismissal of the recount petition on June 21, 2002.

### Candidate Vacancies Occurring After the Primary

**Susan R. Crosby**, the Democratic Party nominee for Indiana State Representative, District 44, withdrew as the nominee on May 8, 2002. **Lana Schimpf** was designated as the Democratic Party nominee for this office by the filing of a Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill an Early Ballot Vacancy for a State Legislative Office with the Indiana Election Division on June 11, 2002.

**John B. Buchanan**, the Republican Party nominee for Prosecuting Attorney for the 20th Circuit (Boone County), died September 20, 2002. **Todd J. Meyer** was designated as the Republican Party nominee for this office by the filing of a Certificate of Candidate Selection to Fill an Early Ballot Vacancy for a Local Office with the Indiana Election Division on September 30, 2002.

Other candidate vacancies resulting from the failure of any individual to seek nomination to an office by filing as a candidate for nomination at the Democratic Party primary or Republican Party primary were filled by the appropriate political party following the May 7, 2002 primary in accordance with procedures outlined in Indiana Code 3-13-1.

Likewise, other candidate vacancies resulting from the failure of the state convention of the Libertarian Party to nominate a candidate for an office were filled by the Libertarian Party in accordance with the procedures in Indiana Code 3-13-1-20.

## **Information Regarding the 2002 General Election Results**

### **Recounts, Contests, and Errata**

Recount petitions concerning elections for the following federal offices and state legislative offices were filed with the Indiana Election Division following the November 5, 2002 general election:

Indiana State Representative, District 81  
Indiana State Representative, District 86

The official vote totals for the candidates in House District 81 and House District 86 were revised following a recount conducted by the Indiana State Recount Commission. Indiana Code 3-12-11-19 provides in part that "a recount certificate... supersedes all previous returns made in any form of the recounted votes."

Contest petitions concerning elections for the following federal offices and state legislative offices were filed with the Indiana Election Division following the November 5, 2002 general election:

United States Representative, District 2  
Indiana State Representative, District 15  
Indiana State Representative, District 86

The Indiana State Recount Commission dismissed each of these contest petitions in December 2002. The official vote totals for the candidates in these districts remained unchanged as a result of the contest.

There were no recount or contest petitions filed with any circuit court clerk for a nomination to a judicial office or the office of prosecuting attorney following the November 5, 2002 general election.

Due to a ballot printing error, Harrison County placed the question of retaining Third District Court of Appeals Judge Mathias on its ballots, rather than First District Court of Appeals Judge Baker. This report assigns the yes and no votes on this question to Judge Baker.